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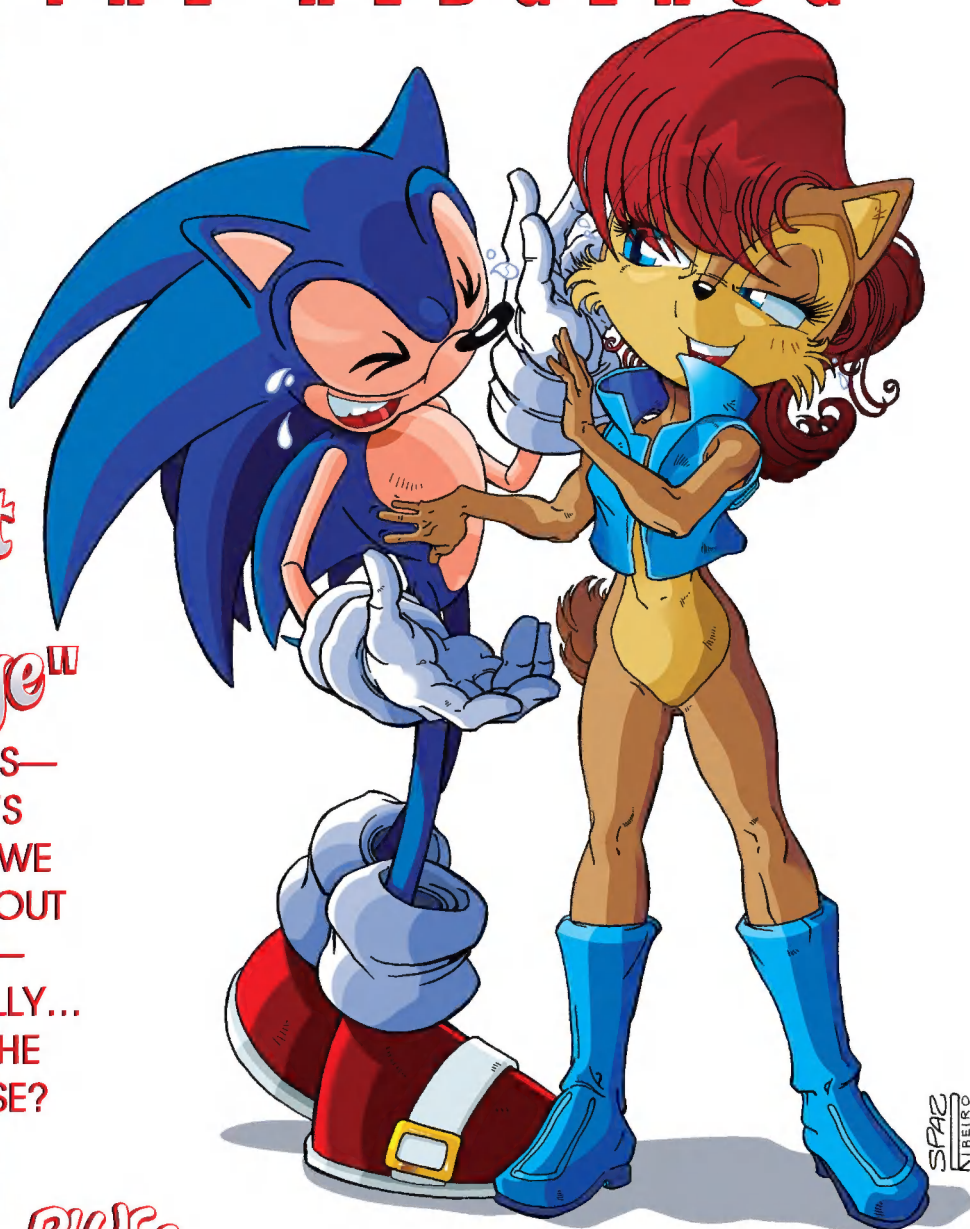
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THE HEDGEHOG



TORN
BETWEEN
TWO
HOTTIES:
"Heart
Held
Hostage"

CONCLUDES—
BUT WHO'S
HEART ARE WE
TALKING ABOUT
ANYWAY—
PRINCESS SALLY...
OR MINA THE
MONGOOSE?



SPAR
KIBERO

PLUS:

RAD RED
MIGHT BE DEAD
BUT IT DOESN'T
STOP HIM FROM
GETTING HIS
OWN STORY—
IT'S THE THIRD
INSTALLMENT OF
"AFTERLIFE"



WHO OR WHAT IS
THE LAST ROBIAN?
SONIC FINDS
OUT BUT IT
DOESN'T MAKE
HIM HAPPY





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PRESENT

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

IN

"Heart Held Hostage" part two

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THERE HE IS--

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

--MY
DREAM
HUNK--

MINA?!

--AND HE DOESN'T
EVEN KNOW HOW I FEEL
ABOUT HIM.



ARE YOU
CRAZY? WHAT ARE
YOU DOING HERE?

I-I
CAME TO HELP
YOU.



WHERE ARE
THE **FREEDOM**
FIGHTERS?



I **DUNNO**.
I GUESS I MUST'VE
LEFT THEM BACK
AT **CASTLE**
ACORN.

I JUST USED
MY **MONGOOSE**
SPEED TO TAKE
OFF AFTER YOU.
I REALLY WASN'T
THINKING.



I THINK WE
BOTH JUICED
WITHOUT
THINKING.

WE **SURE**
DO HAVE A LOT
IN **COMMON**.
DID YOU EVER
NOTICE
THAT?



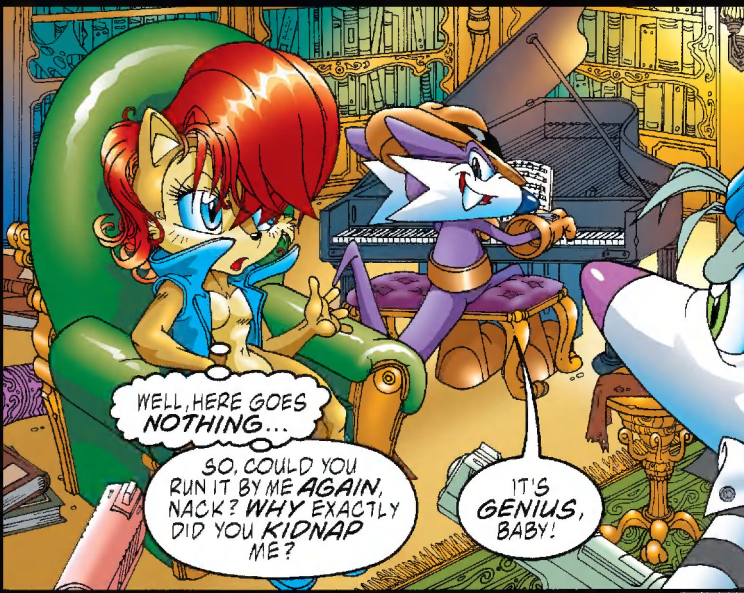
OH. GUESS
I WAS **FOLLOW-**
ING YOUR
LEAD.

OH, **SURE**.
Y'KNOW WHAT **ELSE**
I NOTICED? WE
DON'T HAVE MUCH
IN THE WAY OF
BACK-UP.



MY **BAD**, SO,
IT'S UP TO **US** TO
SAVE **PRINCESS**
SALLY FROM
NACK THE WEASEL
AND HIS **BOYS**?

WELL, AS WE
USED TO SAY **BACK**
IN THE DAY, "LET'S
DO IT TO IT!"



WELL, HERE GOES
NOTHING...

SO, COULD YOU
RUN IT BY ME AGAIN,
NACK? WHY EXACTLY
DID YOU KIDNAP
ME?

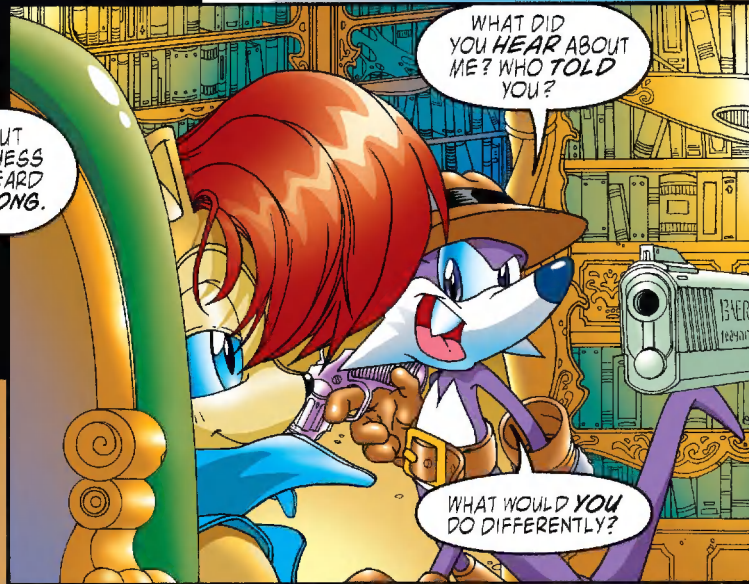
IT'S
GENIUS,
BABY!

YOU'RE
A PRINCESS
WHICH MEANS
MOMMY AND
DADDY ARE
KING AND
QUEEN. Y'DIG?
WE HOLD YOU
HOSTAGE
THEY PAY US
BIG TO
GIVE YOU
BACK.



THAT'S YOUR INGENUOUS
SCHEME? **TRADE** ME OFF FOR
SOME OF THE FAMILY'S LEFTOVER
KINDLING? HUH, I'D HEARD A LOT
OF **THINGS** ABOUT YOU NACK...

...BUT
I GUESS
I HEARD
WRONG.



WHAT DID
YOU HEAR ABOUT
ME? WHO TOLD
YOU?

WHAT WOULD YOU
DO DIFFERENTLY?



WHY NOT LET ME JOIN YOUR
GANG? I COULD KEEP **PRETENDING**
TO BE A HOSTAGE, AND MY **PARENTS**
COULD KEEP **PAYING** YOU FOR MY
SAFE RETURN.



WHY SO **SURPRISED?**
DO YOU **KNOW** WHAT IT'S
LIKE HAVING ALL OF YOUR
WEALTH CONTROLLED BY
YOUR PARENTS?

IT'S **AWFUL!**
THIS WOULD BE MY
CHANCE TO GET BACK
AT THEM.

OF COURSE, I FEEL
YOUR PAIN...

REALLY?
DOES IT FEEL
ANYTHING...

...LIKE
THIS?

WHOA, PRINCESS, I
DIDN'T **KNOW** YOU HAD
ALL THIS **TEENAGE**
RESENTMENT TOWARD
THE 'RENTS.

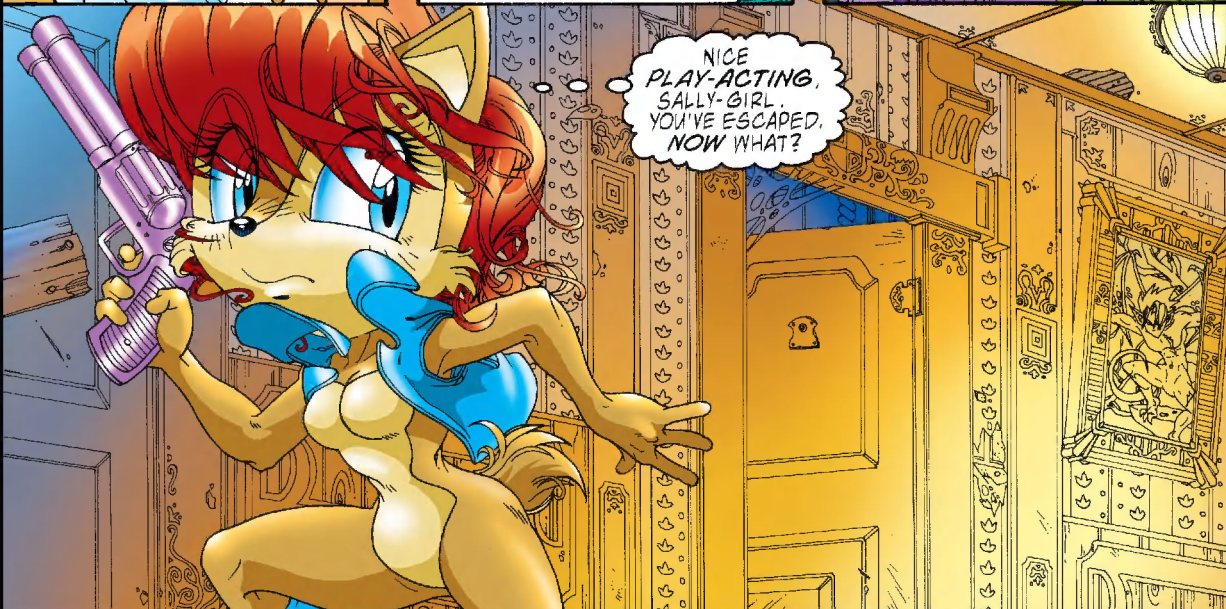
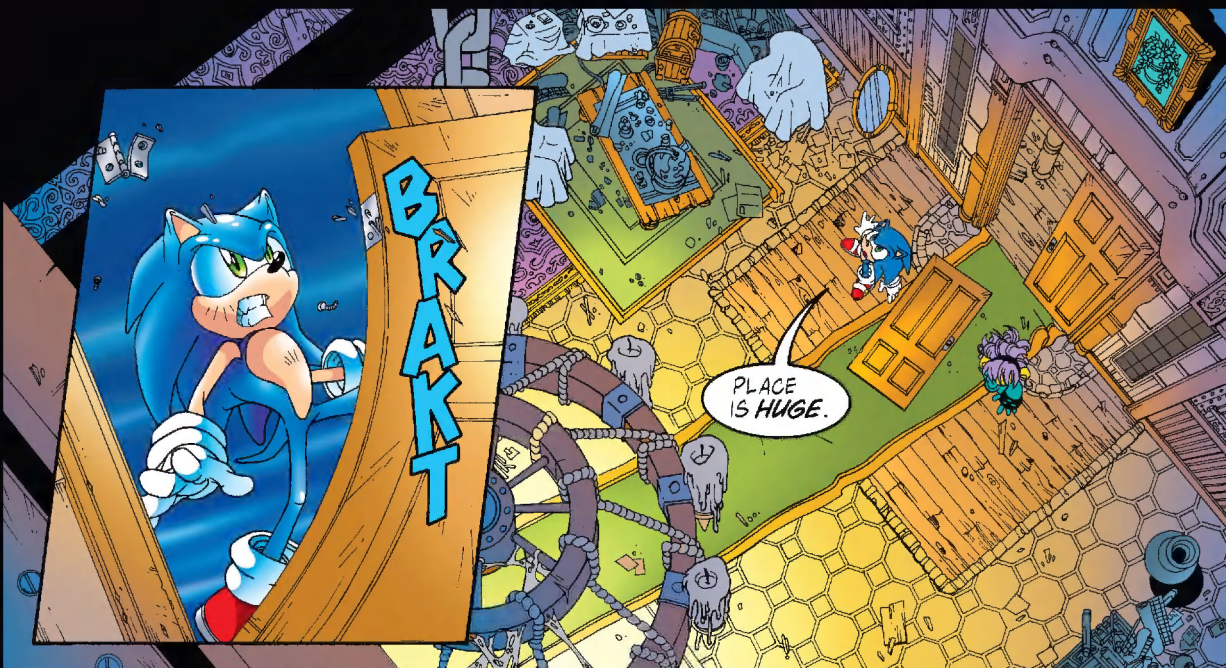
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WOULDN'T
YOU?

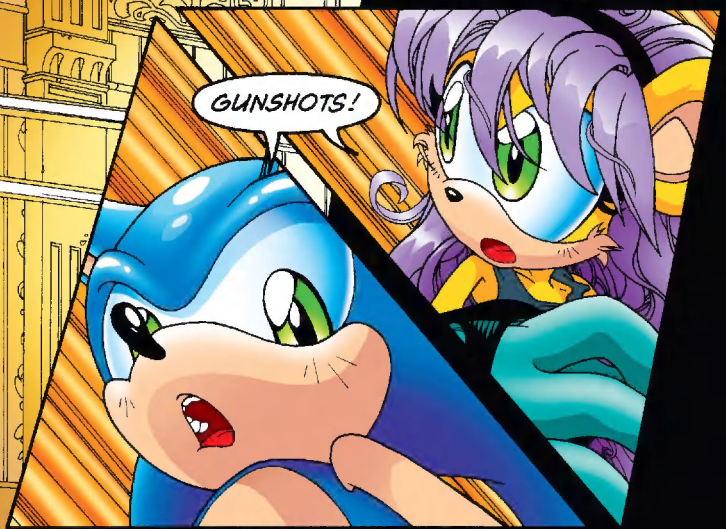
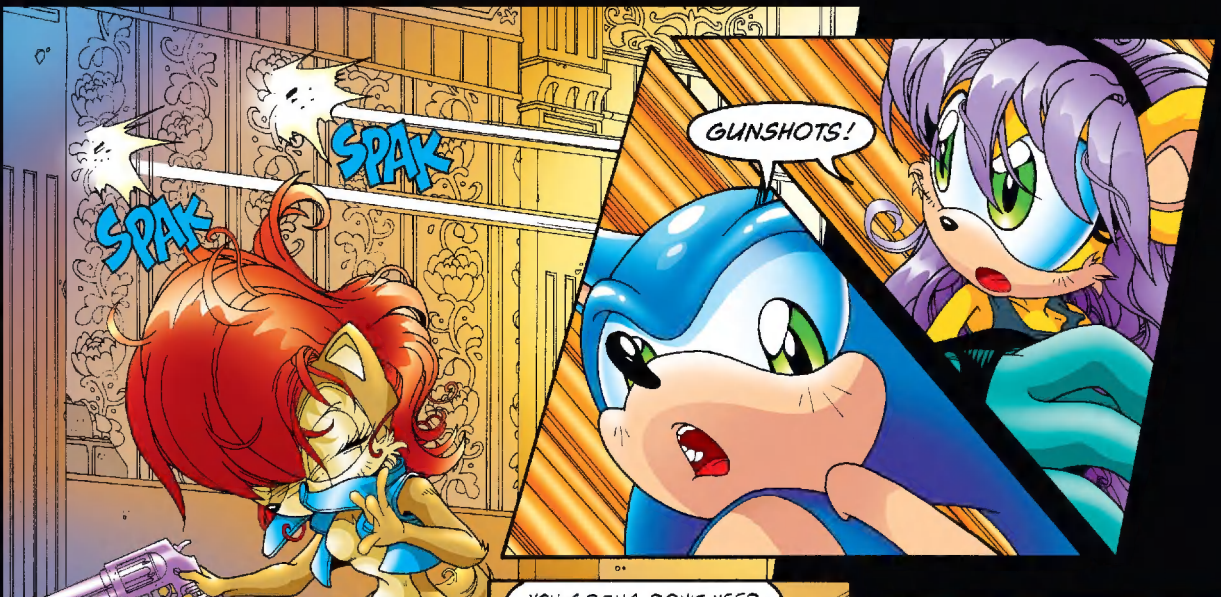
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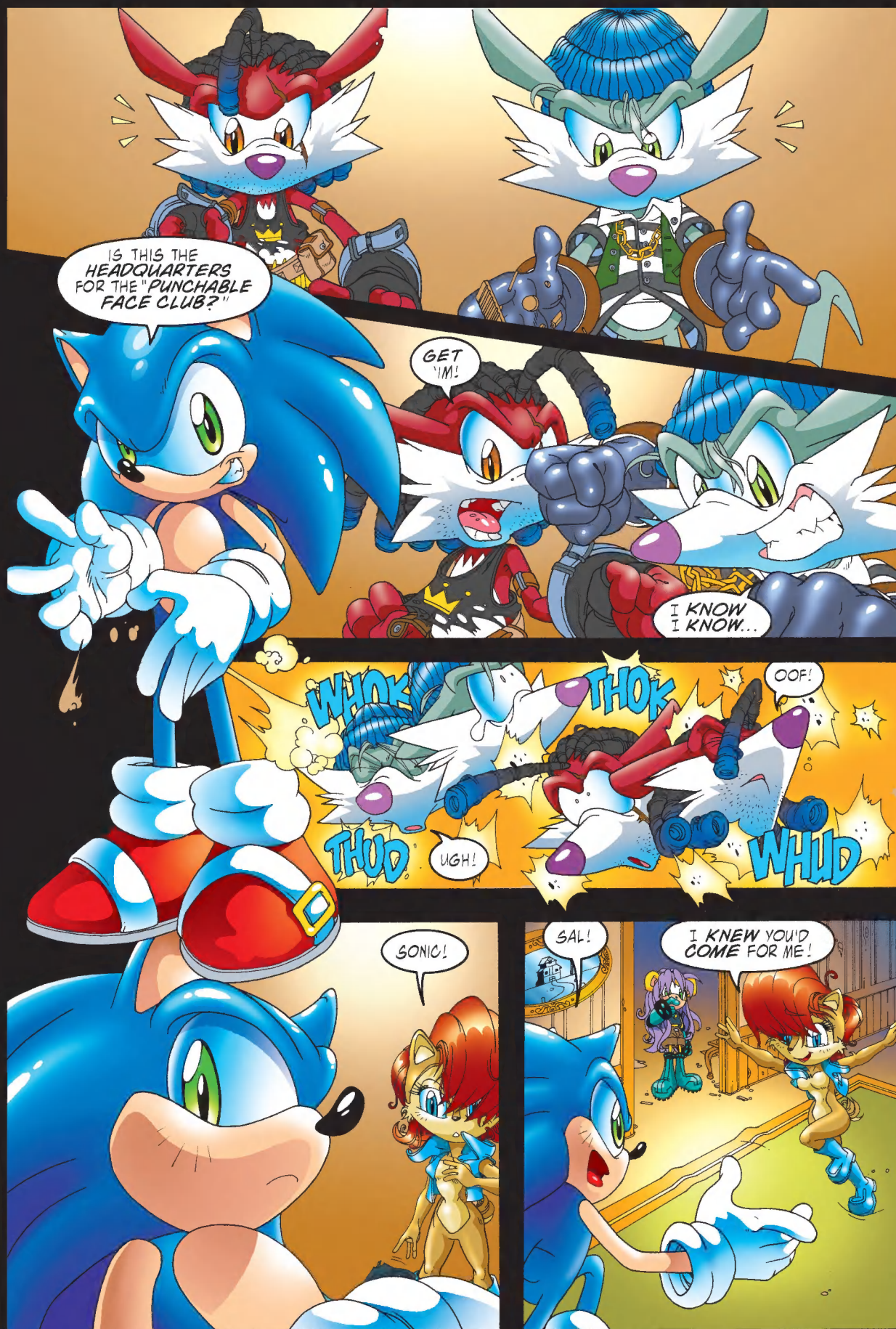
KRUNCH

SIT THIS
ONE OUT, TOUGH
GUY.

I KNOW IT'S
DIFFICULT, BUT
DON'T BE **DUMB**,
FELLAS. NOW, PUT
DOWN THOSE
WEAPONS NICE
AND SLOW.







IS THIS THE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE "PUNCHABLE FACE CLUB?"

GET 'IM!

I KNOW I KNOW...

WHOK

THOK

OOF!

THUD

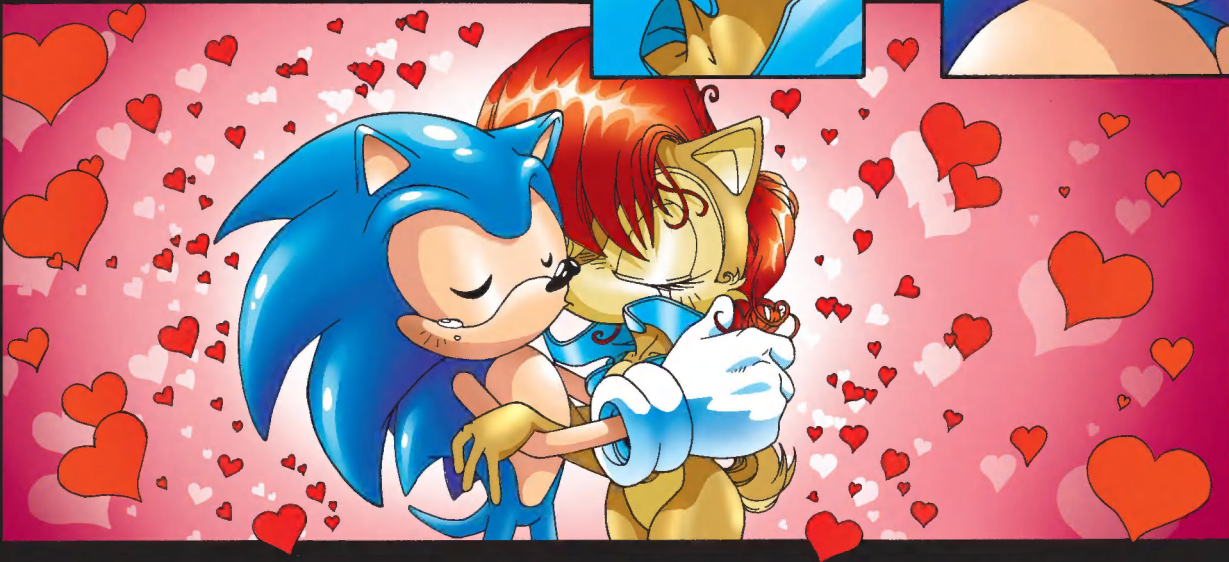
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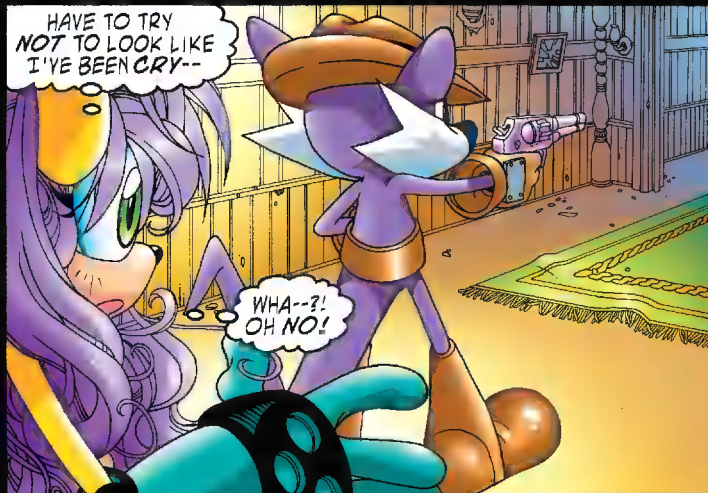
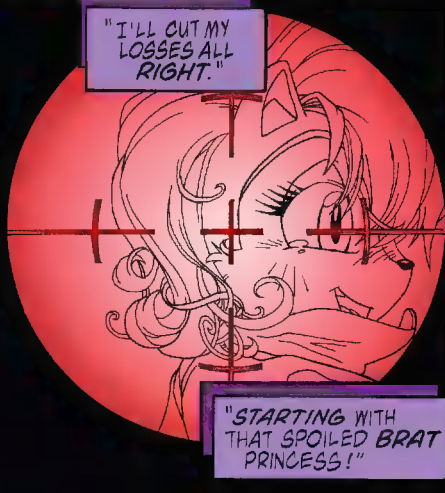
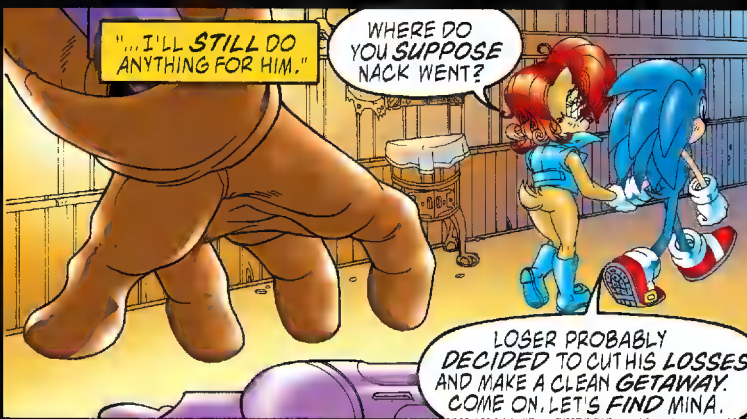
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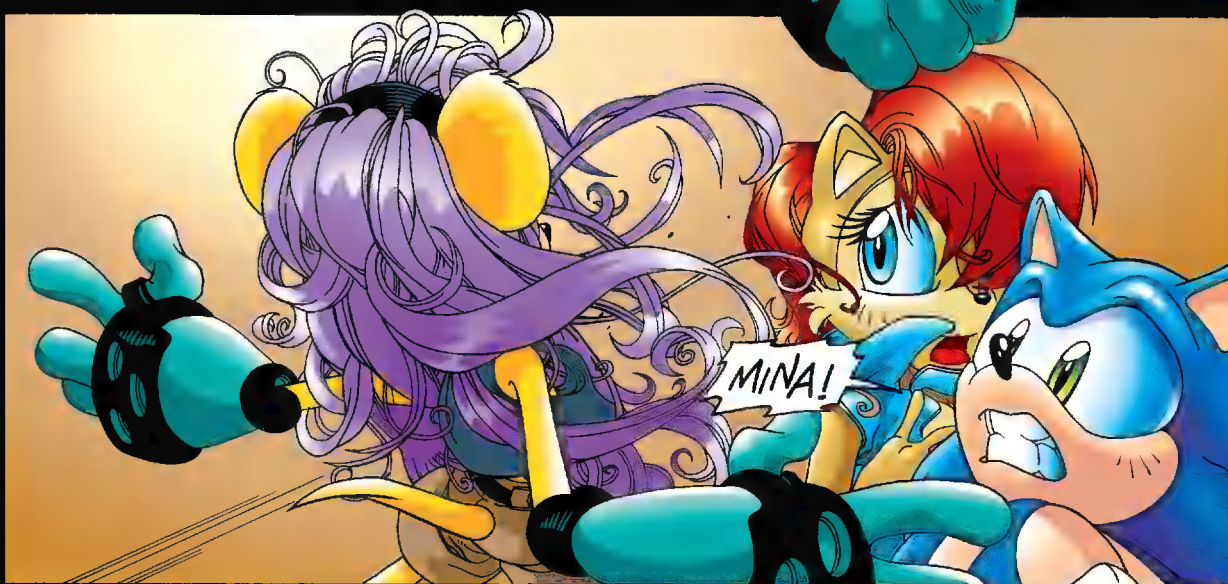
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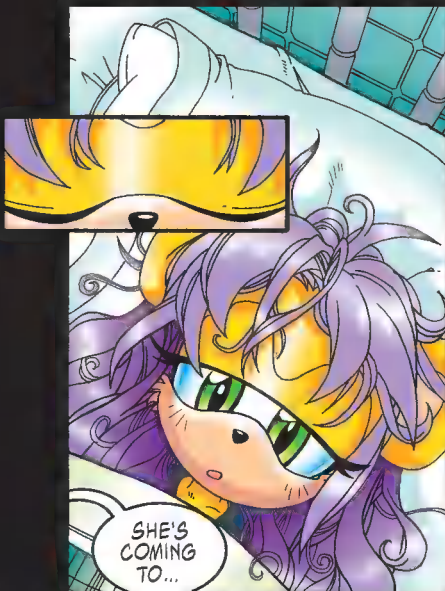
SAL!

I KNEW YOU'D COME FOR ME!









KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

AFTERLIFE

Part Three

IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
COMMEMORATE THE DEARLY DEPARTED--
KEN PENDERS-SCRIPT & INKS
ART MAWHINNEY-PENCILS
VICKIE WILLIAMS-LETTERER
J.JENSEN-COLORIST JUSTIN GABRIE-EDITOR
--IN RECALLING THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
SEGA'S EMBATTLED ECHIDNA!

HAS DISCOVERED A
NEW REALITY, AND FINDS
HIMSELF RELIVING OLD
EXPERIENCES...

DON'T YOU
WISH IT COULD
ALWAYS
BE THIS WAY,
KNUCKLES?

YEAH--

--BUT LIKE
THAT'S GONNA
HAPPEN!

BESIDES, YOU GOT **LOTS**
OF **FRIENDS** BACK
HOME, SALLY!

YOU'RE
PROBABLY
NEVER
ALONE!

I SPEND
MORE TIME
LEARNING TO
BE A
PRINCESS
THAN I DO
WITH MY
FRIENDS!

THAT'S
NO FUN!



YOU WERE
QUITE **SMITTEN**
WITH THE **PRINCESS**,
KNUCKLES!

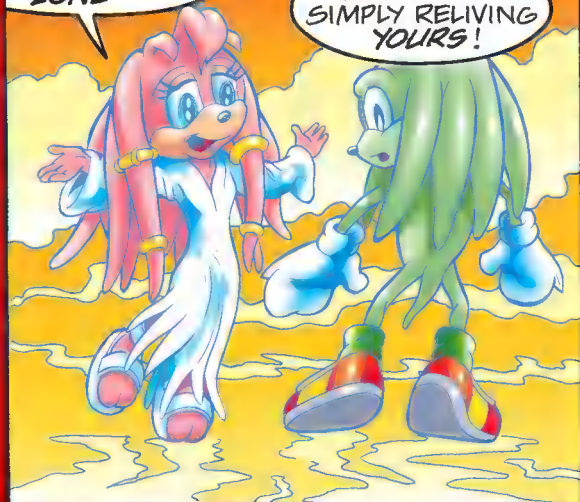
THAT WAS
BEFORE
JULIE-SU!

I'M
JUST SURPRISED
THEY CAN'T SEE
US!

AS I EXPLAINED
TO YOU, YOU'RE
IN A **VIRTUAL**
ZONE--

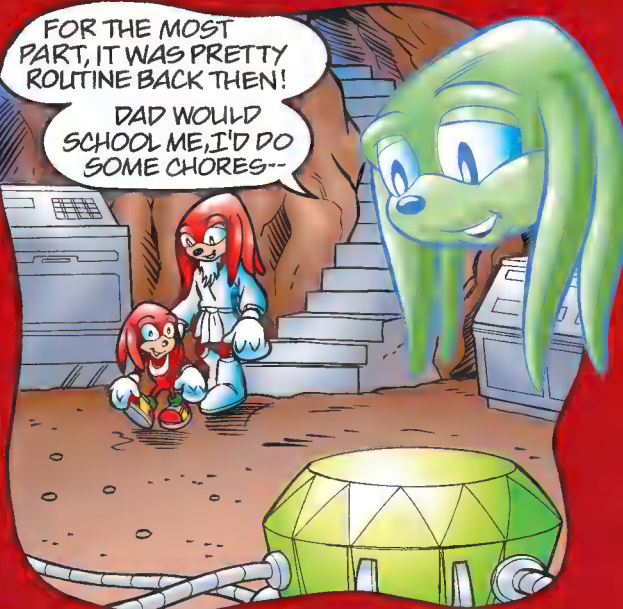
--A REPOSITORY OF ALL
LIFE'S EXPERIENCES--

--AND YOU ARE
SIMPLY RELIVING
YOURS!



FOR THE MOST
PART, IT WAS PRETTY
ROUTINE BACK THEN!

DAD WOULD
SCHOOL ME, I'D DO
SOME CHORES--



--AND WE HAD FUN
AFTERWARDS!

UNTIL THE
DAY YOU WATCHED
AS HE JOURNEYED
INTO THE
FORBIDDEN
ZONE!



DAD!

YEAH,
THAT WAS
TOUGH TO
TAKE!

DIDN'T YOU
FEEL **PREPARED**
TO ASSUME
THE MANTLE OF
GUARDIAN?

OH, YEAH!
NO SWEAT!

I JUST DIDN'T
WANT MY DAD TO
LEAVE!

I HADN'T GOTTEN IT OUT OF
MY SYSTEM WHEN A **RUCKUS**
BROKE OUT...

"IT WAS THAT CROCK
I MET BEFORE..."*

SQUAAWK!
SQUAAWK!

*SEE LAST ISSUE

**YOU MANGY
BUZZARD!**

IF YA
HAVEN'T
HEARD,
YOU'RE ONE
**DEAD
BIRD!**

HOW ABOUT
THIS ONE--

-- THE **BIGGER**
THEY ARE, THE **HARDER**
THEY FALL!

WE DUKED IT OUT A BIT AND
SHOOK HANDS AFTER!

SO, WHAT WAS
THE PROBLEM?

STUPID
BIRD TRIED
TO WREAK MY
WALKMAN!

"FOR THE MOST PART, BEING A **GUARDIAN** WAS
AN EASY GIG, UNTIL THE DAY **HE** SHOWED UP..."

"YOU MEAN **HIM?**"

"NO--THEM! SONIC AND TAILS--"

SO, IF YOU MUGS
WEREN'T AFTER THE
CHAOS EMERALD,
THEN WHO--?

IT WAS THAT CHUMP,
ROBUTTNIK!

"--WHO KEPT POPPING UP
EVERY NOW AND THEN--"

WHO'D OF THUNK
THE RAT WOULD GET
CAUGHT IN HIS OWN
TRAP?!

OR YOU'D
BE HANGING
OUT WITH THE
CHAOTIX?

"--SOMETIMES AS FRIENDS,
BUT USUALLY WE'D END UP
BASHING EACH OTHER OVER
SOME STUPID REASON!"

"BACK ON THE FLOATING ISLAND,
ARCHIMEDES USED MY BUDS TO
LURE ME TO HIM..."

SO GLAD YOU
COULD JOIN US,
KNUCKLES!

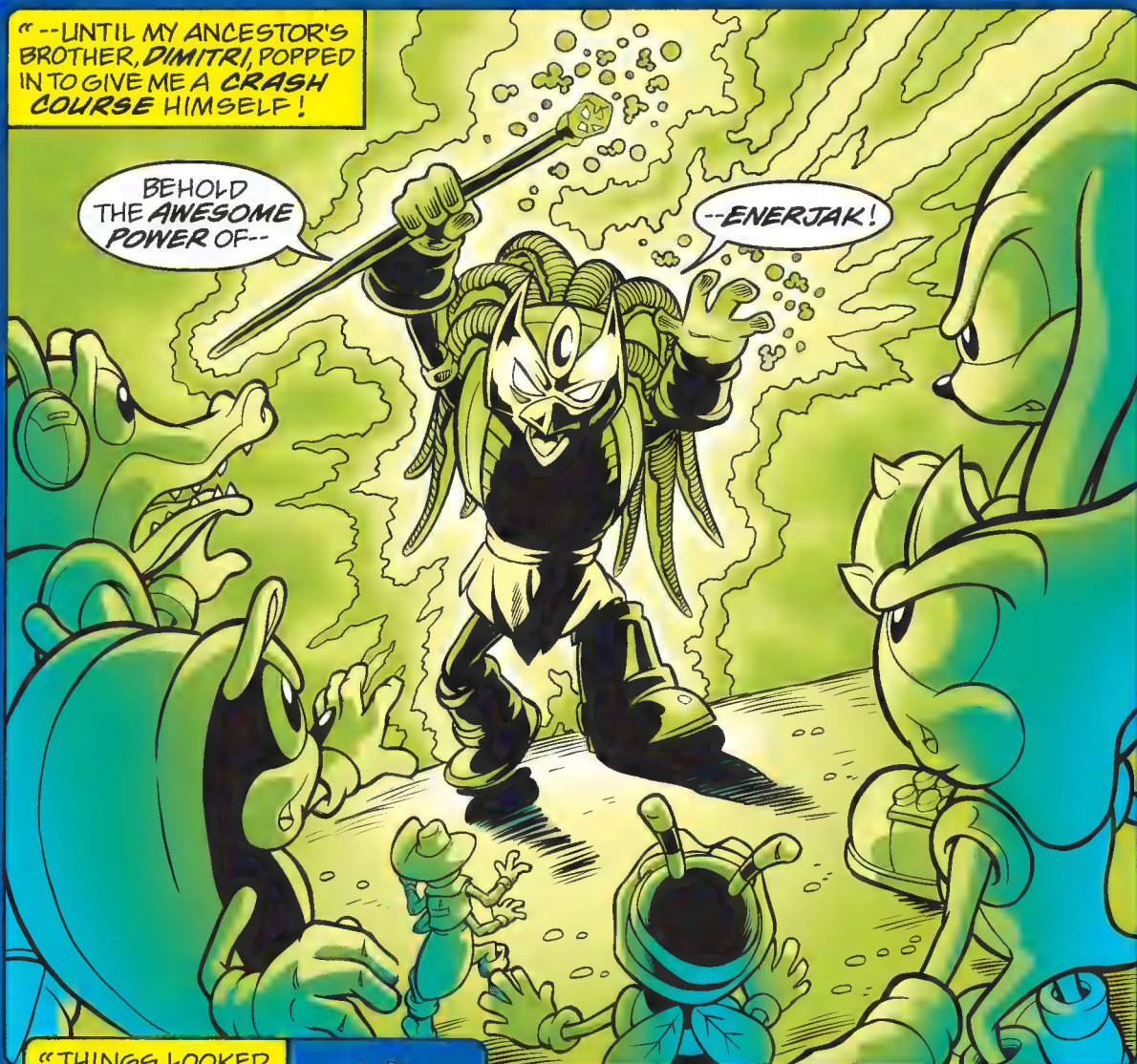
WE'VE
A LOT TO
DISCUSS!

"IT TURNED OUT HE WAS
GOING TO TEACH ME A
THING OR TWO ABOUT
BEING A GUARDIAN--"

"--UNTIL MY ANCESTOR'S BROTHER, *DIMITRI*, POPPED INTO GIVE ME A *CRASH COURSE* HIMSELF!

BEHOLD THE *AWESOME POWER* OF--

--*ENERJAK*!



"THINGS LOOKED *GRIM* FOR AWHILE THERE, BUT WE WON IN THE END--

"BUT EVEN WITH *ENERJAK* OUT OF SIGHT, THERE WAS STILL *KRAGOK* AND THE *DARK LEGION* TO DEAL WITH SOON AFTER THAT.,,

"--THANKS TO SOME ASSISTANCE FROM THE *FIRE-ANTS*--



"--AND SOME *HIDDEN HELP* FROM MY FATHER, *LOCKE*!



YOU CAN EITHER JOIN US, *KNUCKLES*--

--OR *DIE*!

"WE FOUGHT, MORE OR LESS, TO A DRAW, AND I ENDED UP MEETING JULIE-SU AS A RESULT..."

YOU'RE A--
A GIRL!

BOY! YOU'RE
A SWIFT ONE!

"I'D RATHER DEAL WITH
ENERJAK LITERALLY
TAKING ME APART--

ENJOY LIFE AS
A NEURON,
KNUCKLES!

"YOU HAD A HARDER TIME DEALING WITH
THE RESTORATION OF BOTH ECHIDNAOPOLIS
AND YOUR MOTHER MOVING TO THE ISLAND.

DON'T
TELL ME MY
SON HAS
FORGOTTEN
HIS OWN
MOTHER!

--THAN HAVING TO
DEAL WITH MY
PARENTS!

MOST
OF THE TIME,
ANYWAY!

WERE THEY THAT
DIFFICULT FOR YOU?

MAYBE
NOT!

WHEN I GOT THE
FIRST HINT SOMETHING WAS
DIFFERENT ABOUT ME--

YOUR INJURIES!
THEY'RE--THEY'RE
DISAPPEARING!

BUT
HOW?

--THAT
WAS REALLY
THE
PITS!

NEXT: IT'S JUDGEMENT DAY FOR
KNUCKLES! BE HERE FOR
THE ASTOUNDING CONCLUSION!

ONE RAINY MORNING, IN
EARLY JUNE--

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



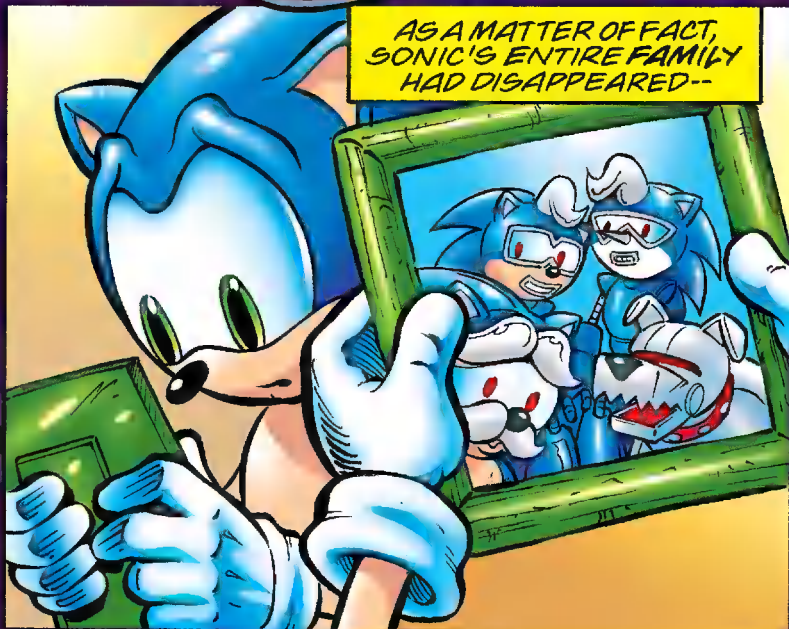
the LAST ROBIAN

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--WOKE UP TO FIND
THAT HIS DOG, MUTTSKI
WAS MISSING.



AS A MATTER OF FACT,
SONIC'S ENTIRE FAMILY
HAD DISAPPEARED--



--AS WELL AS
THE ENTIRE
ROBOTICIZED
POPULATION
OF PLANET
MOBIUS.

--BUT WAS NOWHERE
TO BE FOUND,

SONIC'S FRIENDS TRIED
THEIR BEST TO LEND HIM
COMFORT--

THE EVIL
DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK
WAS
IMMEDIATELY
SUSPECTED OF
THE HEINOUS
ACT--

--AND THE HEROIC HEDGEHOG
FOUND HIMSELF ALSO
CONSOLING OTHERS DURING
THIS TIME OF SUFFERING--

--BUT NOTHING COULD
TAKE AWAY THE AWFUL
PAIN, OR THE AWFUL
FACT--

--THE ROBBIANS
WERE GONE.

AND THEN, LESS THAN THREE WEEKS LATER, SONIC RECEIVED
WORD FROM ALLIES IN DISTANT DEERWOOD FOREST--

--THAT MUTTSKI HAD BEEN FOUND!

BUT HE HAD BEEN CHANGED.

DEROBOTICIZED. NO
LONGER A CREATURE
OF CIRCUITS AND BOLTS.



AND SLOWLY, OVER THE
FOLLOWING WEEKS--

--THE OTHERS REAPPEARED, ALSO CHANGED,
AND WITH NO MEMORY OF HOW THIS MASS
"METAL MORPHOSIS" HAD OCCURRED.



THOUGH THE MYSTERY REMAINED
UNSOLVED, IT WAS AGREED THE
WORLD OVER, THAT A MIRACLE
HAD OCCURRED.

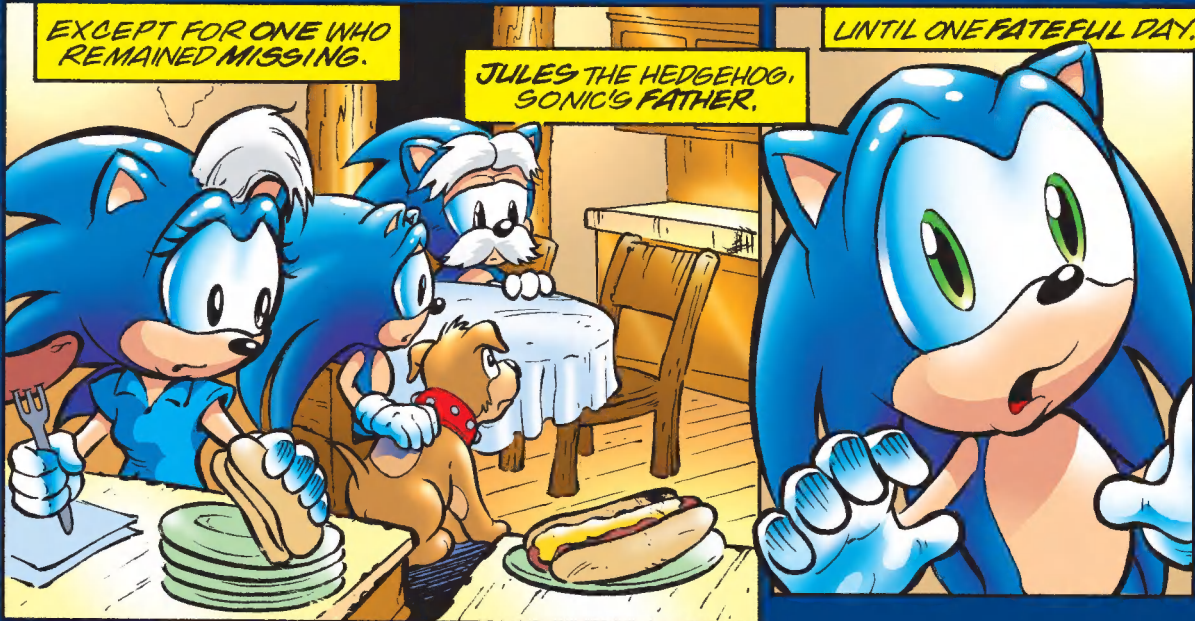
AS TIME WENT ON, ALL OF THE
ROBIANS WERE RETURNED.
RESTORED TO FLESH AND BLOOD.

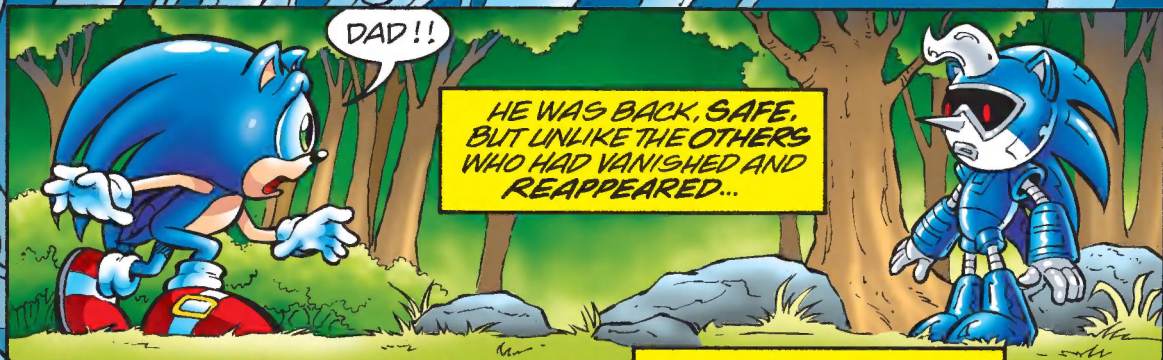


EXCEPT FOR ONE WHO
REMAINED MISSING.

JULES THE HEDGEHOG,
SONIC'S FATHER.

UNTIL ONE FATEFUL DAY.





DAD!!

HE WAS BACK, SAFE,
BUT UNLIKE THE OTHERS
WHO HAD VANISHED AND
REAPPEARED...

...SONIC'S FATHER WAS
STILL ROBOTICIZED,

DON'T WORRY,
JULES! I WON'T REST UNTIL
I'VE FOUND A WAY TO MAKE YOU
JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!

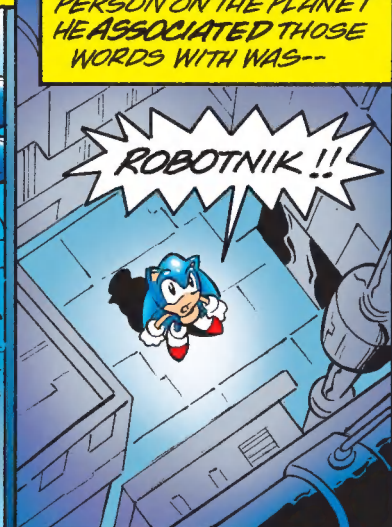
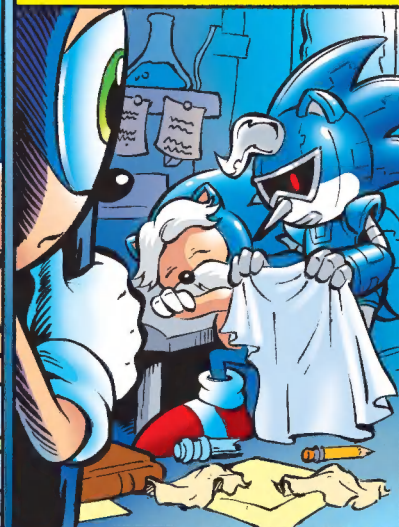
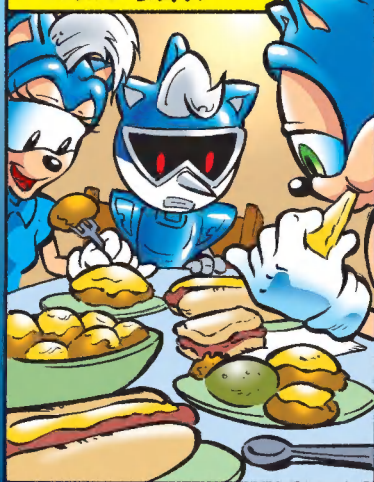
BUT EVEN THOUGH
SONIC'S UNCLE
CHUCK WORKED
DAY AND NIGHT TO
FIND A CURE...

... HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

AS THE WEEKS DRAGGED
ON, JULES DISCOVERED
THAT HE WAS AN OUT-
SIDER LOOKING IN AT
HIS FAMILY. THEY
COULD EAT.

THEY COULD SLEEP. HE
COULDN'T. WHY HAD IT TAKEN
HIM SO LONG TO NOTICE ALL
THESE DIFFERENCES?

SONIC THOUGHT IT CRUEL
AND UNFAIR, AND THEN
REALIZED, THE ONLY
PERSON ON THE PLANET
HE ASSOCIATED THOSE
WORDS WITH WAS--



ROBOTNIK!!

WHAT IS IT, HEDGEHOG?!
YOU'RE CUTTING IN ON
PRECIOUS "SCHEMING"
TIME!

WHY'D YOU
DEROBOTICIZE
ALL OF THE
ROBIANS
EXCEPT FOR
MY DAD?!

IS THAT HOW YOU
GET YOUR KICKS NOW,
YA BIG JERK?

DON'T BE **STUPID**! WHAT MAKES
YOU **THINK** I CHANGED ANY OF
THEM **BACK** IN THE FIRST PLACE?

ONE OF THE FEW THINGS IN
LIFE THAT MADE ME **HAPPY** WAS
KNOWING THAT I'D **TURNED** YOUR WHOLE
FAMILY INTO OIL DRUMS WITH EYEBROWS. MEH...

HE
DENIED DOING
ANY OF IT,
AND IT'S
WEIRD, BUT I
KINDA
BELIEVE
HIM!

I WON'T STOP
WORKING **UNTIL**
I'VE FOUND A CURE,
JULES,

--WHY SHOULD NOW BE
ANY DIFFERENT BECAUSE
I STILL AM?

NO, CHARLES,
I CAN'T **STAND** THE
WAY YOU'VE BEEN
PUSHING YOURSELF
LATELY,

INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON
THE FACT THAT I HAVEN'T **CHANGED**,
HOW ABOUT CELEBRATING THE
FACT THAT EVERYONE **ELSE** HAS?

--BUT I'LL
FIND OUT WHO
DID THIS, I
SWEAR!

I REALIZED THAT
WHEN WE WERE **ALL**
ROBOTICIZED, WE WERE
HAPPIER--

DAD'S RIGHT.
NO MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS, WE'LL FACE
THE FUTURE TOGETHER
AS A **FAMILY**--

THE END?